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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 27, 2002 FINAL OFFICE ACTION,
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT,
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the November 27, 2002 final Office Action in the above-identified patent application. A reply was originally due on February 27, 2003. Applicant hereby requests a three month extension from February 27, 2003 to May 27, 2003 and authorization is give for the fee of \$465.00 to be deducted from Deposit Account No. 08-0219. Therefore, a reply is now due May 27, 2003 and this Amendment is being timely filed.

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Applicant is also today filing a Request for Continued Examination and an Information Disclosure Statement.